



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re Patent Application of

RACE et al.

Atty. Ref.: 839-1524; Confirmation No. 6582

Appl. No. 10/824,487

TC/A.U. 3745

Filed: April 15, 2004

Examiner: Ninh H. Nguyen

For: ROTATING SEAL ARRANGEMENT FOR TURBINE BUCKET COOLING  
CIRCUITS

\* \* \* \* \*

January 23, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

To the extent the Examiner's reasons for allowance do not reflect the full scope  
of the independent claims, applicants disagree with the stated reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

**NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.**

By:

Michael J. Keenan  
Reg. No. 32,106

MJK:rrl  
901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor  
Arlington, VA 22203-1808  
Telephone: (703) 816-4000  
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100